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Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Has New Manager ***BLM-Utah selects Cynthia Staszak to take the helm***

Salt Lake City—The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is pleased to announce that Cindy Staszak has been selected as the new monument manager for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, which is headquartered in Kanab, Utah. Staszak, who is currently serving in the position as a temporary appointment, will take over reins permanently within the next two months.

“We are truly fortunate to have Cindy Staszak as the new monument manager. She is a proven leader who brings a wealth of experience and knowledge in managing both people and projects and is very familiar with issues facing western states today,” said Juan Palma, BLM-Utah State Director.

Staszak has served as the acting monument manager since April and comes to BLM-Utah after serving as the Associate Deputy State Director for Resources in the BLM-California State Office. In that position, Cindy was provided oversight and direction to the resources programs in California, with an emphasis on lands and realty, recreation, wilderness and National Conservation Lands.

“My current detail as the Monument Manager is the most challenging and rewarding position I have held within BLM. I am really looking forward to working with the outstanding Monument staff, the surrounding communities, as well as our other state and federal partners to strengthen our ties to the land,” said Staszak.

Prior to her California position, Cindy was the Associate Deputy State Director of Resources and the Lands Branch Chief in the BLM-Montana State Office. She has worked in state, county and federal government positions in parks, recreation and natural resources management throughout her career in Montana, Idaho and Illinois. She has a degree in wildland management from the University of Idaho. Cindy has two daughters and a granddaughter in Sacramento and extended family in Illinois and Texas.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM’s mission is to manage and conserve the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations under our mandate of multiple-use and sustained yield. In Fiscal Year 2013, the BLM generated \$4.7 billion in receipts from public lands.

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